



Mimulus Memo

California Native Plant Society — Kern County Chapter
May/June 2010

MAY MEETING

Tuesday, May 18th 6:00 PM

PLEASE NOT CHANGE OF LOCATION: Home of Sasha and Andy Honig in the La Cresta area*

THE CLARKIA GENUS

with Brian and Carol LeNeve

Brian & Carol are from the CNPS Santa Cruz Chapter. Brian is a member of the CNPS Governing Board, helping guide our organization in its mission.

4:45pm Dinner with the LeNeves at Loma Linda Restaurant, 3611 Mount Vernon, across from BC and next door to the Fire Fighters Union. Please join us for the interesting story of how the LeNeve's were introduced to native plants. (Hint: think hunting)

6pm Plant Identification with Rich Spjut at the Honigs

7pm Program: Come join us for an evening celebrating our current blooms, the genus *Clarkia*, containing Farewell to Spring, Herald of Summer, etc, that make the roadsides bright pink as our hills turn brown. Brian and Carol will share the knowledge they have gained from trips all over California, searching out *Clarkias*. They will offer us beautiful photos and a clarified key for this genus, which is centered in California.



*contact [Andy](#) if you need directions

CHAPTER FIELD TRIPS

MAY 29- BEAR

MOUNTAIN at BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS

8:00am Meet at the Taco Bell at the corner of HWY 58 and Weedpatch HWY to carpool, or meet at **9am** at the gate to Bear Valley Springs. It is imperative to RSVP by email to Dorie at:

dorengiragosian@peoplepc.com

If you intend to go, we must give **names of drivers** to our hostess, Lisa Pracchia, who will pass them on to the gate personnel. Please tell Dorie if you will want to drive, or ride with someone else. (We cannot organize carpools, due to insurance requirements, but we can sort ourselves out at the Taco Bell parking lot.)

Lisa says Bear Valley Springs is located at 5,600 feet, and to her, it is what California must have looked and felt like 50 years ago. We will carpool to the top of Bear Mountain, and walk downhill about 2 to 3 miles to a camp ground where some cars will be left for the trip back to her home. The habitat is varied, with a 20 year old burn area, a lush watershed of ferns and a creek, and very old Ponderosa pines. There are also a number of side trails to explore, if the group is interested. Mountain Mahogany and Flannel Bush are expected standouts at this time.

Please bring water, your lunch, hat, and walking sticks if you need them. Lisa has invited us to have lunch on her patio, with cold drinks she will provide. The patio offers a wide view of the Southern Sierra! What could be better?! We thank Lisa for her generous offer to our chapter.



Fremontodendron californicum
(picture taken from the Las Pilitas Nursery
website: www.laspilitas.com)



A Manual of California Vegetation, 2nd Edition

By John Sawyer, Todd Keeler-Wolf, and Julie Evens

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The Kern River Parkway Foundation with Kern County Parks and Recreation present

Kern River Parkway Festival 2010

Saturday, May 22nd

10:00am. to 6:00pm. at Hart Park

It's fun for the whole family....
Music, entertainment, food booths
kid's activities, demonstrations
cash drawings and prizes!

BEST OF ALL ADMISSION IS FREE!

Contact Greg Iger 327-2768 or gregiger@aol.com for information.

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Join us to kick off this new tradition
Celebrating the beauty and bounty of our river!

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